CHAPTER XIV.

BORODIN TAKES CHARGE

MICHAEL Borodin, who had previously been
igaged in revolutionary activities in America,
[exico and Turkey, and had been expelled from
reat Britain as an undesirable alien, thus describes
is reception in Canton :—

"I arrived at Canton on October 6 (1923). . . Sun Yat-sen welcomed me very warmly, made me sit with him, and looked at me fixedly for several seconds. I conveyed to him the greetings of Moscow, and of the Political Representative, Comrade Karahan, adding that the latter looks forward to an interview with him on the first favourable occasion. Then I shortly explained to him the aim of my coming to Canton, and asked turn several questions about the situation in the country and particularly in Kwangtung.
(After explaining Dr. Sun's views regarding the use of Mongolia as a base, the report continues): For the present he finds it necessary to hold Kwangtung, and therefore his Army must be increased and strengthened. To do this he need's help, which, he thinks, may be extended to him through \1adivostock. The direct steamer route from Madivostock to Canton, not calling at Hongkong, may be used to this effect But the establishment of such direct communication between \ladivostock and Canton must be in some way explained and this could easily be done, because Canton needs timber, fish, beans, etc., "which could be imported in exchange for local products. This line would at once create what he most needs, viz., a direct connection with Russia (the U.S.S.R.). Military supplies which are indispensable, and which, owing to the blockade, cannot now be received, could be brought from Vladivostok.''

Moscow was ready to give Dr. Sun the material
d he required, but only on conditions. The
lief of these was the reorganization of

the Kuo-
intang under Russian supervision. Borodin lost
) time in attempting to enforce this condition-